



**United States Department of Agriculture
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending September 21, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 21, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 83.8 degrees Fahrenheit at DeRidder to 90.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was minimal for the most part except in the south central part of the state where 5.27 inches was recorded in Donaldsonville.

Crop progress for week ending September 21, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	95	90	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	93	88	87	93
Cotton, harvested	12	6	14	33
Hay, second cutting	98	97	100	99
Rice, mature	100	99	100	100
Rice, harvested	93	87	95	94
Sorghum, harvested	96	94	96	98
Soybeans, turning color	92	88	91	91
Soybeans, dropping leaves	84	76	79	79
Soybeans, mature	75	67	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	59	48	45	55
Sugarcane, planted	79	68	91	87
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	30	25	34	25

Crop condition for week ending September 21, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	0	1	14	68	17
Livestock	0	6	31	52	11
Pasture	0	8	25	55	12
Soybeans	2	2	14	57	25
Sugarcane	2	10	34	41	13
Vegetables	0	18	41	36	3

Comments from Extension Agents

“Producers have made good progress in harvesting early soybeans with dry weather and lower humidity. Soybeans planted behind wheat are turning color. Cotton harvest is picking up. On the Macon Ridge we have gone from wet and humid to dry and dusty.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Scattered showers making farmers move to try and find drier fields, sugarcane planting progressing at a slow pace, weekend projected to have drier weather which will help. Bean yields - some damage from rains, but most beans grown on cane rows are excellent cutting in the 70's.”

– Steve Borel, West Baton Rouge Parish

“Rice harvest is complete. Excellent yields and good milling quality. Soybean producers are applying desiccants. Still getting daily showers which is lowering quality on beans that are ready for harvest.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Drier and fairer weather allowed for more normal seasonal activities. Rice harvest nearing completion, late planted crawfish ponds remain to be harvested. Yields remain very good to excellent. Soybeans being sprayed with harvest aides; early soybean yields are very good. Weather also allowed hay harvest towards end of week, although some was over mature due to rain delays, yields are very high. Plowing for fall forage production as well as wheat is underway, spring calves being loaded and delivered.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“If the weather cooperates next week farmers should be able to get most of the parish's sugarcane planted and soybeans harvested. Sugarcane farmers planting cost will be higher this year with all the moving around to find fields dry enough to plant. Rain delays in harvesting soybeans have slightly reduced yields. Cattle are growing well and being sold as the market remains strong. Producers are trying to make hay. Forage seems abundant, but quality seems low. Producers are also trying to prepare land for fall grass planting.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 21, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	86.4	67.1	76.8	74.8	2.0	0.00	0	-0.79	1.89	-1.18
Mooringsport	86.0	67.3	76.7	75.3	1.4	0.00	0	-0.72	1.84	-1.07
Red River	88.0	68.0	78.0	75.7	1.9	NA	0	-0.53	2.01	-0.44
Shreveport	88.1	67.1	77.6	75.5	2.1	NA	0	-0.84	2.03	-0.64
Extreme/Average	87.1	67.4	77.3	75.3	1.9	0.00	0	-0.72	1.94	-0.83
North Central										
Calhoun	85.4	64.9	75.1	74.0	1.2	0.00	0	-0.70	4.44	1.37
Farmerville	86.0	67.3	76.6	74.8	1.9	NA	0	-0.89	0.64	-3.07
Homer	84.2	65.3	74.8	73.3	1.3	NA	0	-0.73	0.79	-1.32
Extreme/Average	85.2	65.8	75.5	74.0	1.4	0.00	0	-0.77	1.96	-1.01
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.0	68.0	78.0	75.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.71	3.94	1.75
St Joseph	89.5	69.2	79.4	76.3	2.7	NA	NA	NA	3.24	0.27
Tallulah	90.3	68.9	79.6	75.5	4.1	0.00	0	-0.81	1.92	-1.28
Winnsboro	88.0	66.7	77.3	75.9	0.7	NA	NA	NA	2.15	-0.73
Extreme/Average	89.0	68.2	78.6	75.8	2.5	0.00	0	-0.76	2.81	0.00
West Central										
Ashland	87.0	64.6	75.8	74.8	1.0	0.00	0	-0.78	0.50	-2.47
Hodges Gardens	84.0	67.8	75.9	76.4	-0.8	0.25	1	-0.43	2.78	-0.73
Leesville	84.8	67.3	76.1	75.2	0.7	0.27	3	-0.61	6.81	3.31
Natchitoches	84.4	67.1	75.8	76.7	-0.9	NA	0	-0.95	2.86	-1.45
Extreme/Average	85.1	66.7	75.9	75.8	0.0	0.17	3	-0.69	3.24	-0.34
Central										
Alexandria	88.6	68.0	78.3	77.6	0.7	1.00	1	0.11	5.98	2.40
Bunkie	89.5	65.5	77.5	76.2	1.2	1.00	1	-0.07	4.11	-0.12
Eunice	87.4	67.6	77.5	78.5	-1.0	0.30	3	-0.81	5.95	1.53
Jonesville Locks	90.0	55.7	72.8	76.8	-3.9	NA	NA	NA	2.32	-0.74
New Roads	87.2	70.7	78.9	78.2	0.6	0.57	2	-0.25	3.56	-0.49
Extreme/Average	88.5	65.5	77.0	77.4	-0.5	0.72	3	-0.26	4.38	0.52
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.89	4	-0.15	5.65	0.83
Hammond	88.1	69.3	78.7	76.8	1.9	0.08	1	-0.70	4.19	-0.46
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.14	1	NA	3.18	NA
Slidell	86.9	70.0	78.4	NA	NA	0.59	3	NA	4.09	NA
Extreme/Average	87.5	69.7	78.6	76.8	1.9	0.42	4	-0.42	4.28	0.18
Southwest										
Crowley	85.8	71.0	78.4	77.8	0.3	1.50	3	0.71	7.61	3.12
DeRidder	83.8	69.7	76.8	76.8	-0.2	1.80	2	0.71	7.20	2.89
Jennings	86.9	70.3	78.6	77.8	0.7	0.25	2	-0.96	4.44	-0.76
Oberlin Fire	84.7	68.6	76.6	76.8	-0.2	1.06	2	-0.21	8.44	3.61
Extreme/Average	85.3	69.9	77.6	77.3	0.2	1.15	3	0.06	6.92	2.21
South Central										
Donaldsonville	88.0	71.4	79.7	77.5	2.3	5.27	3	4.10	12.89	7.91
Jeanerette	86.6	70.4	78.5	77.7	0.6	1.04	2	-0.05	7.13	1.25
Lafayette	88.3	71.1	79.7	77.0	2.7	2.08	3	0.93	6.85	1.77
Morgan City	87.1	71.9	79.5	78.8	0.7	2.02	4	0.77	9.09	3.27
Extreme/Average	87.5	71.2	79.4	77.7	1.6	2.60	4	1.44	8.99	3.55
Southeast										
Galliano	85.1	74.1	79.6	78.7	1.0	0.54	4	-0.81	5.89	-0.26
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.17	2	-0.68	5.61	1.28
Grand Isle	86.0	76.0	81.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.96	0.55
New Orleans	90.0	75.3	82.7	NA	NA	0.44	2	NA	7.16	NA
Extreme/Average	87.0	75.1	81.1	78.7	1.0	0.38	4	-0.75	4.91	0.52
State	86.9	68.8	77.8	76.6	0.9	0.59	2	-0.35	4.42	0.54

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.